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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The State of Arizona Forty-Fifth Legislature, Second Regular Session 2002 enacted Senate Bill 1037 requiring the Arizona Department of Economic Security (Department) to solicit statewide for Case Management, Employment Services, related Child Care, and Supportive Services for families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The complete text of Senate Bill 1037 is available on the Internet at <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/legtext/45leg/2r/bills/body.htm>. In accordance with the statute, providers eligible to compete for the contracts include private for-profit businesses, community non-profit organizations, community college districts, local governments, and tribal governments.

The Department, Office of Policy, Planning, and Project Control (OPPPC) is conducting Request for Information (RFI) meetings to receive public input regarding the factors that the Department may consider in developing the Request for Proposals (RFP) and evaluating the proposals. Information provided at the meetings and written comments received by September 16, 2002 will be considered by the Department in the development of the RFP, scheduled for release in January 2003.

Attached is a listing of the Department's RFI questions regarding the service delivery model. Interested parties wishing to comment on these questions, or other issues, may attend one of the scheduled meetings (meeting schedule attached) and offer comments. Comments presented at a public meeting should also be provided to the Department in writing.

Should you be unable to attend one of the public meetings, and/or wish to only provide your comments in writing, your written comments are invited and are most welcome. However, for written comments to be considered they must be received by the Department no later than September 16, 2002. All written comments should be directed to the contact person at the address as indicated in the attachment.

Public meetings for the purpose of receiving public comments will be held at the dates, times and locations identified on the attached listing.

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FOR

Richard Szawara
Procurement Officer

Attachments

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY (Department), Office of Policy, Planning, and Project Control (OPPPC) is conducting Request for Information meetings and seeking written comments regarding a statewide solicitation for Case Management, Employment Services, related Child Care and Supportive Services for families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

The State of Arizona Forty-Fifth Legislature, Second Regular Session 2002 enacted Senate Bill 1037 requiring the Department to solicit bids for the Arizona JOBS Case Management, Employment Services, TANF-related Child Care and Supportive Services by January 2003. The complete text of Senate Bill 1037 is available on the Internet at <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/legtext/45leg/2r/bills/body.htm>. In accordance with the statute, providers eligible to compete for the contracts include private for-profit businesses, community non-profit organizations, community college districts, local governments, and tribal governments.

The purpose of the Request for Information meetings is to receive public input regarding the factors that the Department may consider in developing the Request for Proposals (RFP) and evaluating the proposals. Information provided at the meetings and written comments received by September 16, 2002 will be considered by the Department in the development of the RFP, scheduled for release in January 2003. The following public meetings are scheduled:

Central Arizona West

Monday, August 19, 2002
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Auditorium
Arizona Department of Transportation
206 South 17th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

Central Arizona East

Thursday, August 22, 2002
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Tempe City Council Chambers
31 East Fifth Street
Tempe, Arizona

Southern Arizona

Wednesday, August 21, 2002
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Pima County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Pima County Complex – Administration Building
130 Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona

Northern Arizona

Friday, August 23, 2002
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Supervisors First Floor Hearing Room
Coconino County Board of Supervisors Building
219 Cherry Street
Flagstaff, Arizona

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION COMMUNITY INPUT QUESTIONS

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (the Department) is developing a statewide Request for Proposals (RFP) to contract for employment and supportive services, including child care eligibility, for TANF families. The Department wishes to gather public input regarding factors that it may consider in developing the RFP and evaluating the proposals. The Department invites comments on the questions below and on any other areas that could affect service delivery. Your ideas are appreciated.

- 1) **The statute allows the Department to award contracts to qualified providers. In determining who is a qualified provider, what aspects of the statutory requirements should be emphasized? What other factors that could affect service delivery should be considered or emphasized?**
- 2) **What specific outcome and performance measures should be considered to assess proposals and performance?**
- 3) **What geographic or population factors should the Department consider for service delivery?**
- 4) **What factors should the Department consider to ensure ease of access and continuity of employment and supportive services?**
- 5) **What factors should the Department consider to ensure ease of access, continuity of service, and timely and accurate payment to providers in the provision of TANF-related child care?**
- 6) **What factors should the Department consider in establishing effective provider/community linkages, ensuring quality and diverse customer services, and encouraging the development of local collaborations?**
- 7) **To what extent should the Department consider geographic and other factors when determining the allocation of available funding and resources?**
- 8) **To what extent should the Department value the utilization of local and other available funding?**
- 9) **How should the Department address the need for automated systems, systems linkages, and required Federal reporting?**
- 10) **What other factors should the Department consider when preparing the RFP?**